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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Holman et al.

Examiner in immediately
preceding parent application: Ortiz, A.

Serial No.: Unknown

Anticipated Group Art Unit: 1732

Filed: June 25, 2001

For: INTEGRAL HUB AND STRAIN RELIEF

Docket No.: 1001.1181102

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of EL 837558762 US in an envelope address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 25th day of June, 2001.

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This is a request for filing a continuation application, under 37 CFR §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 08/971,456 filed on November 17, 1997, for an invention entitled INTEGRAL HUB AND STRAIN RELIEF.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the inventors' DECLARATION of Thomas J. Holman, John E. Arnold, Jr., Gregory K. Olson and Todd A. Berg, as originally filed on June 5, 1995 and assigned Serial No. 08/461,867; 12 pages of Specification; 26 Claims; 1 page of Abstract and 5 sheets of Informal Drawings.
2. I hereby verify that the enclosed papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/461,867 as filed on June 5, 1995, which is the parent application of Serial No. 08/971,456, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.
3. Cancel in this application original Claims 2-26 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim has been retained for filing purposes.

4. The filing fee is calculated below:

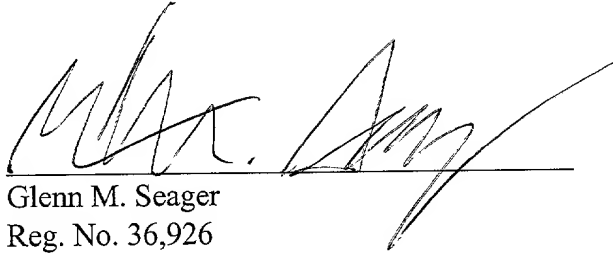
| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | | |
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| FOR: | (1) No. Filed | (2) No. Extra | SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER | |
| | | | RATE | FEE | RATE | FEE |
| BASIC FEE | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX | \$380 | XXXXX | \$710 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 1-20= | 0 | X 9= | \$ | X 18= | \$ |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | - 3= | 0 | X 39= | \$ | X 78= | \$ |
| () MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED | | | +130= | \$ | +260= | \$ |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ | XXXXX | \$710 |

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0413.
6. A check in the amount of \$ 710.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
7. Amend the specification by inserting, immediately before "TECHNICAL FIELD" on page 1 thereof, the sentence --This is a continuation of co-pending Application Serial No. 08/971,456 filed on November 17, 1997 which is a continuation of co-pending Application Serial No. 08/461,867 filed on June 5, 1995 --
8. Please find enclosed five (5) sheets of formal drawings.
9. Please find enclosed an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Nawrocki, Rooney & Sivertson, P.A. The power appears in the papers in the prior application file, and a copy is enclosed. A copy of the Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney and Power of Attorney to Crompton, Seager & Tuft, LLC is enclosed. Address all future communications to:

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11. This patent application is assigned to SciMed Life Systems, Inc., pursuant to the Assignment recorded at Reel 7624, Frame 0969.

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